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In the PATENT APPLICATION of:

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For: ANTI-THEFT BRAKE OR CLUTCH
LOCKING DEVICE

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REPLY

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action, dated January 7, 2004 (Paper No. 15), for the above-identified patent application in which the Examiner set a two-month shortened statutory period for response which expired on March 7, 2004. Accordingly, a three month petition for an extension of time is respectfully submitted herewith which makes this reply timely.

All the claims of this application (i.e., claims 1-4 and 6-35) have been allowed. The only outstanding formal matter is that the original copy of U.S. patent 5,881,587 has not been surrendered. To remedy this matter, a *Reissue Patent Application Statement as to Loss of Original Patent* is respectfully submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the *statement as to loss* into Applicant's file.

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INVITATION

If the Examiner believes that any additional matters need to be addressed in order to place with application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned, by telephone, at the Examiner's convenience.

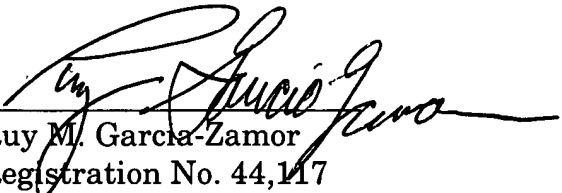
CONCLUSION

In view of the enclosed *Statement as to Loss*, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 1-4 and 6-35, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

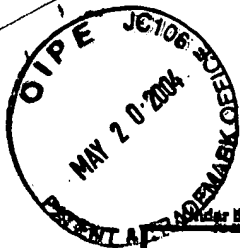
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STATEMENT AS TO LOSS OF ORIGINAL PATENT**

Docket Number (Optional)
VIT-PT034.1RE

I hereby state that:

I am the applicant for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.

Name of Inventor(s)/Assignee(s) **Robert A. Vito**

Patent Number **5,551,587**

Title of Invention **ANTI-THEFT BRAKE OR CLUTCH LOCKING DEVICE**

Reissue application number (if known) **09/808,882**

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